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I Am very well pleaſed to find that my Lion has given ſuch Univerſal Content to all that have ſeen him. He has had a [illegible] of Viſitants than any of his Brethren in the *Tower*. I this Morning examined his [illegible], where among much other Food I found the following delicious Morſels.

To NESTOR IRONSIDE, *Eſq*;

Mr. GUARDIAN,

'I Am a Daily Peruſer of your Papers, I have read over and over your Diſcourſe concerning the Tucker, as likewiſe your Paper of *Thurſday* the 16th Inſtant, in which you ſay it is your Intention to keep a watchful Eye over every part of the Female Sex, and to regulate them from Head to Foot. Now, Sir, being by Profeſſion a Mantua-maker, who am employed by the moſt faſhionable Ladies about Town, I am admitted to them freely at all Hours, and ſeeing them both dreſt and undreſt, I think there is no Perſon better qualified than my ſelf to ſerve you (if your Honour pleaſes) in the Nature of a *Lioneſs*. I am in the whole Secret of their Faſhion, and if you think fit to entertain me in this Character, I will have a conſtant Watch over them, and doubt not I ſhall ſend you from time to time ſuch private Intelligence, as you will find of Uſe to you in your future Papers.

Sir, this being a new Propoſal, I hope you will not let me loſe the Benefit of it; [illegible] you will firſt hear me roar before you treat with any body elſe. As a Sample of my intended Services, I give you this timely Notice of an Improvement you will ſhortly ſee in the expoſing of the Female Cheſt, which in defiance of your Gravity is going to be uncovered yet more and more; ſo that to tell you truly, Mr. IRONSIDE, I am in ſome fear leſt my Profeſſion ſhould in a little time become wholly [illegible] I muſt here explain to you a ſmall C[illegible] may call it ſo, or rather an O[illegible], which you have not yet taken [illegible]. This conſiſts of a narrow Lace, or [illegible] of fine ruffled Linnen, which runs along the upper part of the Stays before, and croſſes the Breaſts, without riſing to the Shoulders; and being as it were a part of the Tucker, yet kept in uſe, is therefore by a particular Name called the Modeſty-Piece. Now, Sir, what I have to communicate to you at preſent is, that at a late Meeting of the Stripping Ladies, in which were preſent ſeveral eminent Toaſts and Beauties, it was reſolved for the future to lay the Modeſty-piece wholly aſide. It is intended at the ſame time to lower the Stays conſiderably before, and nothing but the unſettled Weather has hindered this Deſign from being already put in Execution. Some few indeed objected to this laſt Improvement, but were over-ruled by the reſt, who alledged

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